ASSOCIATE EDITOR
CALIFORNIA CULTIVATOR

No Garden Questions Answered by Telephone
By Correspondence Only

EDITOR
THE GARDEN BEAUTIFUL
Los Angeles Times

ERNEST BRAUNTON
LANDSCAPE DESIGNER AND CONSULTING HORTICULTURIST
317 Central Avenue, Telephone 117-99
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

April 20, 1923.

Dr.P.A.Munz
Claremont, Cal.

Dear sir:

I was much interested in a copy of the fern journal recently sent me by R.C.Benedict,Brooklyn Botanic Garden,Containing a list of your finds at Palm Springs,of Selaginellas,Equisetums,etc.

I have lived there for some months at a time and have frequently returned to collect material of garden value:cacti,bulbs and seeds. I note with unusual interest the great number of species also collected on the coast,Channel Islands,etc.

I have at times made this special study. That so many coastal plants exist there leads me to two conclusions: The drying up of the original sea must have been very slow for it allowed time for a considerable number of species to adjust themselves to the changing conditions. Had the change been revolutionary in character nearly all would have perished. The other is a well-grounded conviction that the change has been recent---a few hundred years. The plain water marks or beach lines ranging for many miles, still plainly visible, would alone be sufficient proof of this.

Though I have ranged much afield,in all parts of this great state,my greatest love is the desert.

Truly yours

Ernest Braunton

Ernest Braunton